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GERMAN INFANTRY MAKES SLIGHT GAIN

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HELD OTHER PLACES BY FRENCH FIRE BARRIER

Around Douaumont and Vaux an Intense Artillery Bombardment is in Progress—The French are Heavily Shelling Malancourt Woods, Which is in the Hands of the Germans—Russian Offensive Against the Germans in Northwest Russia Has Increased in Intensity and Fighting is in Progress Day and Night—Muscovites Have Captured Three Lines of German Trenches on the Southwestern Shore of Lake Narocz.

Infantry attacks northwest of Verdun, preceded by a vigorous bombardment, have enabled the Germans to gain a foothold on the small hill of Houcourt which lies just outside the village of Malancourt and between that town and the eastern edge of the Malancourt woods.

The entire sector of about two and a half miles from the Avoucourt wood to Malancourt has been subjected to a violent artillery bombardment and several German infantry attacks, but except in the immediate vicinity of Malancourt the Germans were held by the French fire barrier and were unable to advance.

Northeast of Verdun, around Douaumont and Vaux, an intense artillery bombardment is still in progress. The infantry forces, however, have remained inactive in this district.

From the west, in the forest of the Argonne, the French are heavily shelling the Malancourt woods, which is in the hands of the Germans, and at various points in the forest have been heard German organizations, especially at Four de Paris, La Fille Mort and Montfaucon.

The Russian offensive against the Germans in northwest Russia has increased in intensity and fighting is in progress day and night. The latest official statement from the Russian general headquarters says that desperate infantry fighting is proceeding north of the town of Postavy, where the Germans launched violent counter-attacks in an attempt to dislodge the Russians from trenches which they had previously captured.

Respecting this operation, the Berlin communication says that at this point the Russians delivered their heaviest attack and their losses reached "extraordinarily high figures, even for the number of Russian in action."

The Russians captured three lines of the German trenches on the southwestern shore of Lake Narocz, where, it is officially stated, the fighting is developing in favor of the Russian forces. Here the Russians, despite "asphyxiating gases and a murderous fire," forced three lines of German entanglements and made their gain in a series of fierce hand-to-hand encounters.

The Russian war office also officially announces the capture of Ispahan in Persia, after an engagement. An unofficial report received by way of Rome and London says that the Austrians have abandoned Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina.

Bad weather again has broken over the Austro-Italian front, but it has not put a stop to the violent bombardments. The Austrians have delivered surprise attacks with infantry against Italian positions at various points, but these, especially at Monte Ortigara, have everywhere been repulsed.

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Cabled Paragraphs

British Greet Italian General.
London, March 22.—General Count Cadorna, chief of the Italian general staff, who left Italy to attend the military and political conferences of the entente nations at Paris, arrived in London today from the French capital.

Australian Cruiser at Havana.
Havana, Cuba, March 22.—The Australian cruiser Sydney arrived here today, supposedly for the purpose of obtaining coal and provisions. She will sail within the prescribed 24 hours. Whence she came or whither she is going is unknown.

REPORTS FROM CYCLONE IN NORTHERN INDIANA.
Wind Caused Five Deaths and Property Damage of \$1,000,000.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 22.—As belated reports from last night's tornado in northern Indiana filtered through the tangled wires, the death toll continued to increase. Reports of five deaths from the storm, which swept almost directly eastward across the state, leveling scores of buildings in its path, had been received here tonight. Many others were seriously injured and more deaths are probable. Loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

The dead are: Clarence Wilson, 21, of near Logansport; Milo Ricketts, 16, of Logansport; Silas Williams, 71, of Logansport; George M. Ricketts, 16, of Logansport; and Robert Rector, Monon. All were killed in their homes, Wilson being burned to death after his house collapsed.

It is estimated that hundreds of persons, including a score or more who were passengers on a Clover Leaf passenger train which was blown from the tracks near Marion, suffered minor injuries in the storm. Many farmhouses and barns have been destroyed and there was a heavy loss of livestock. Communications of all kinds are crippled.

The path of the destructive part of the tornado varied from 10 to 20 miles in width, with the brunt falling on White, Cass, Grant and Blackford counties. The storm was felt in other counties also, but such, however, according to the meagre reports received from the affected districts.

TO DOUBLE NUMBER OF CADETS AT WEST POINT
Bill Passed in Senate With Only Two Dissenting Votes.

Washington, March 22.—The national defense program was advanced another stage today when the Senate passed Senator Chamberlain's bill to double the number of cadets at the West Point military academy.

Only two senators, Fardman and Norris, voted against the bill, 59 voting in its favor. If the measure passes the house it will open the way to West Point and other military schools to a considerable force. Rumors concerning the doubtful intentions of the Arria brothers, leading a force in Durango, have been tended to increase disquiet here.

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Anxiety Caused by Mexican News

OVER REPORT THAT HERRERA'S TROOPS HAVE JOINED VILLA'S

IS COMPLEX SITUATION

Rebellion in Carranza Army Would Call for Immediate and Strong Reinforcements for American Forces Now in Mexico.

Washington, March 22.—Grave apprehensions regarding the outcome of the American expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa was evident for the first time in Washington tonight after receipt by the war department of a so serious report from Coahuila, with a report had reached him that 2,000 Carranza troops at Chihuahua under General Luis Herrera had revolted and aligned themselves with the bandit chief.

Information from Funston.
General Funston did not disclose the source of his information and so far as could be learned no confirmation had reached the state department or the Mexican embassy. Fear that the report might be true was not disguised in official circles, however, and tonight's developments were awaited with tense anxiety.

Fear Others May Revolt.
If Herrera and his troops have joined Villa, some officials believe other Carranza commanders and soldiers may quickly follow their example. Such an event, the United States and the de facto government of Mexico would find themselves confronted with a situation so serious that it is possible that the forces of the de facto government in northern Mexico formerly were Villa soldiers and with their officers have followed the bandit chief to many hard fought victories.

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\$2,000,000 Fire at Augusta, Ga.

TEN BLOCKS OF BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED

WIND FANNED FIRE

Help for Fire Department Was Rushed on Special Trains From Atlanta, Macon and Savannah—Burned Itself Out.

Augusta, Ga., March 22.—Fire caused damage estimated at more than \$2,000,000 in the downtown section of Augusta tonight and at a late hour was eating its way unchecked down Broad street, where the city's principal business houses are located. Ten blocks had been destroyed or were burning and the flames were threatening to spread to residential sections.

Flames Carried by Wind.
Shortly before midnight the flames were carried by a strong wind into the residential section, where a new conflagration was making rapid headway. The outbreak was a distance of four blocks from the blaze in the business section.

Warehouses Were Endangered.
There apparently was little hope of saving "Cotton Row," a string of warehouses where \$5,000,000 worth of cotton was stored. The cotton exchange and the board of trade building also were directly in the path of the flames and among the structures already destroyed or badly damaged were two of the city's largest buildings, the four-story, two-story telephone company buildings and the buildings of two daily newspapers.

PANIC IN FACTORY
FIRE AT BRIDGEPORT.
Ten Persons Jumped from Third Story Window to Shed.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 22.—Panic resulting from a small fire in the Hamilton Brass company's building, Middle and Golden-Hill streets, at noon today, caused ten persons to jump from a third story window, a shed below Michael Cobelli, aged 30, who gave his address as 150 Thompson street, sustained a fracture of the right ankle. He is being treated at the hospital.

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Condensed Telegrams

The battleship Kentucky arrived at Galveston.

Bulgaria is further strengthening its Rumanian border defenses.

The schooner C. D. Pickings, owned at Annapolis, was destroyed by fire off the Cuban coast.

Contracts for 4,000 freight cars were let to various concerns by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

John Akien of Hartford convicted of assault and robbery, sentenced to from two to seven years.

Kaiser Wilhelm's villa on the Greek Coast, seized by the French, has been converted into a hospital.

Premier Asquith, who has been ill, was so far recovered that he was able to preside at the War Council.

Portugal will summon its reservists, and conscript conscripts who failed to pass the medical examination.

A government warrant has been issued against the late owner of a restaurant proprietor of Bridgeport.

To put an end to smuggling, Honduras has established a customs port in the Department of Mosquitia.

D. C. Herrick, former postmaster and well-known real estate leader of Elgin, N. Y., died at his home there.

The new \$300,000 naval radio station under construction near San Diego, Cal., will be the most powerful in the world.

The New Haven Railroad has awarded an increase of one cent an hour to 17 cents in the wages of its track laborers.

Thomas A. Edison left New York for his plantation at Fort Myers, Fla., for the first vacation he has had in years.

The Atlas Nitrate Products Co. gun cotton plant at Mt. Vernon, Pa., has been closed because of the freight embargo.

The advance sale of tickets for the Willard-Moran fight in New York this Saturday night has already reached \$113,000.

The Union Compress Co. plant and 2,200 bales of cotton at Augusta, Ga., were destroyed by fire at a loss of \$100,000.

Lieu. Bowen, pilot with the American expeditionary force in Mexico, was slightly injured when his airplane fell 50 feet.

Dr. Carlos Huek of Aurora, Ill., died at Los Angeles, Cal., of typhoid contracted in Mexico, where he had gone to combat the fever.

The wrecking steamer Rascue left Norfolk to assist the Mallory liner Alamo, reported off Point Lookout with a disabled rudder.

The cruiser North Carolina, with four hydro-aeroplanes aboard, was ordered from Pensacola, Fla., to the naval base at Guantanamo.

Having announced his inability to make engagements, W. W. Harris was suspended as a member of the New York Curb Market Association.

The Big Four Railroad has asked the Ohio Public Utilities Commission for authority to issue \$1,495,000 trust certificates to purchase equipment.

Walter Runciman, president of the British Board of Trade, will be a representative of England at the military and economic council in Paris this week.

Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, House Majority Leader, announced that he will oppose the Administration shipping bill as it now stands.

The finance committee of the New York Senate returned a favorable report on the nomination of James M. Carter as state superintendent of prisons.

Believed to have been temporarily insane, Daniel G. Patterson, of Dresden, N. Y., shot and killed his four children while they slept, and then killed himself.

Mrs. Herbert Asquith, wife of the Prime Minister, has settled for \$5,000 and costs her libel suit against the London "Globe," which printed stories of her friendship to the Germans.

The Tennessee Legislature convened in special session to consider charges of misconduct in office brought against Judge Jesse Edginton and Attorney-General Z. N. Estes, both of Memphis.

Carranza Troops Align With Villa

2,000 MEN IN GARRISON AT CHIHUAHUA

OTHERS MAY FOLLOW

Military Authorities Connect Alleged Revolts With the Interruption to Wire Service Tuesday—No American Troops Have Been Wounded.

San Antonio, Texas, March 22.—Even although unconfirmed, the report today that General Luis Herrera, commander of two thousand men at Chihuahua, had aligned himself with Francisco Villa, sent the United States government into a state of alarm. The long intervals between General Pershing's reports since the capture of the town of a bit, although General Pershing and his chief staff continued to probe the troops for news of Carranza's report from Chihuahua made it significant any anxiety they might have felt concerning Pershing's operations.

Situation More Complex.
Officially and unofficially the opinion (Continued on Page Seven)

DRAFT OF PROTOCOL HAS BEEN AGREED UPON
Has Been Forwarded to Carranza For His Approval.

Washington, March 22.—A draft of the protocol asked for by General Carranza to govern the operations of the American expedition in Mexico seeking Villa was agreed upon late today by Acting Secretary Polk and Silas Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate. It was forwarded at once to Carranza for approval and is expected to be in effect within a few days.

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Although the de facto government sought the protocol, its terms are entirely in accord with the views of the United States and no difficulty was experienced by Mr. Polk and Mr. Arredondo in preparing it.

The United States government realized the fact that the position of Carranza, who, with many foes in his own country, faces the task of suppressing the alarm spread among the Mexican people by the presence of a foreign army on their soil. Consequently, the protocol has been drafted with a view to strengthening the hand of the de facto government at home, as well as to preventing disaffection among the two governments or their military officers in the field.

RUMOR OF REVOLT OF CARRANZA TROOPS
Garrison of Chihuahua Espouse the Cause of Villa.

San Antonio, Texas, March 22.—General Carranza, commander of Chihuahua, is reported to have revolted against the Carranza government, declaring himself at war against the United States and promising support to Villa, according to information received here from a source regarded as reliable.

The strength in the city of Chihuahua was placed at 2,000 men. He had been relieved by Carranza yesterday, according to information here, his revolt occurring after he had been relieved.

NEW HAVEN ROAD EXTENDS FREIGHT EMBARGO
Was to Have Ended at Midnight—Continued Till Sunday Night.

New Haven, Conn., March 22.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company today announced that the freight embargo effective at midnight March 19, and which was to have ended at midnight, March 22, has been extended to Sunday night next. The embargo was placed "upon all freight originating at stations on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad or the Central New England railway, and connecting lines, consignments to Harlem river or via Piers Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 59